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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3461

ACCRA FOR SENIOR INSPECTOR ARNOLD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AMGT ASIG NI
SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED CLOSURE OF IBADAN CONSULTE

REF: (A) STATE 66244, (B) ACCRA 2126, (C) LAGOS 3227

1. ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY HAS LONG BEEN CONSIDERING THE UTILITY OF ESTABLISHING A CONSULATE IN THE EAST OF NIGERIA, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT AN URGENT NEED FOR SUCH A POST CAN YET BE DEMONSTRATED. THE TIME WHEN SUCH A CONSULATE IS NEEDED MAY NOT BE DISTANT, HOWEVER, AND WE INTEND TO KEEP THE ISSUE IN MIND.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD NOT WISH TO INFORM THE FMG THAT THE USG DESIRES AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN A CONSULATE IN THE EAST. MOREOVER, THE HEAD OF STATE MIGHT BE MORE CONCERNED BY THE CLOSURE OF IBADAN IF IT WERE DIRECTLY LINKED WITH A REQUEST TO OPEN A CONSULATE IN IBO TERRITORY. WHEN INFORMING THE FMG OF THE CLOSURE OF IBADAN, WE COULD OF COURSE MENTION THAT WE ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL UTILITY OF OPENING A CONSULATE IN THE EAST AND THAT WE MAY LATER COME TO THE FMG WITH SUCH A REQUEST. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, WHETHER MAKING THIS POINT WOULD SERVE
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ANY USEFUL PURPOSE AND WE ARE INCLINED NOT TO INCLUDE IT UNLESS THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF OUR CONVERSATION WITH THE FMG INDICATE IT WOULD BE USEFUL.

3. RE PARA 2 OF REFTEL A, WE HAD CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE EFFECT OF CLOSING IBADAN ON THE EVE OF RESUMPTION OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE, AT A TIME WHEN THE HEAD OF STATE IS

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A YORUBA. ALTHOUGH THE UTILITY OF IBADAN AS A POLITICAL LISTENING POST SHOULD BE SOMEWHAT GREATER WITH THE ADVENT OF CIVILIAN RULE, THE ADDED VALUE WOULD NOT IN OUR OPINION ALTER EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES SUFFICIENTLY TO JUSTIFY CONTINUATION OF THE POST.

4. WHILE GENERAL OBASANJO AND OTHER YORUBAS MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED AT FIRST GLANCE BY THE USG'S DECISION TO CLOSE IBADAN, IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO POINT OUT TO THEM THAT OUR PRESENCE (ICA) THERE REMAINS. WE VERY MUCH DOUBT THAT ADVERSE REACTION WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL. IN POINTING OUT TO THE FMG THAT WE CANNOT JUSTIFY THE NEED FOR A CONSULATE IN IBADAN WHEN CONSULAR AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN ITS CONSULAR DISTRICT CAN BE HANDLED BY THE EMBASSY, WE WILL LEAN HEAVILY ON THE FACT THAT THE IMMINENT OPENING OF THE NEW EXPRESSWAY WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE DRIVING TIME BETWEEN LAGOS AND IBADAN.
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